

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1088 – *Audit Responsibilities – State Department of Education, Maryland Higher Education Commission, and State Retirement Agency*.

This bill authorizes the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to conduct audits to determine whether local school systems, community colleges, and public libraries are properly reimbursing the State for pension payments for their employees whose salaries are not paid fully by State and local funds. Alternatively, the agencies may request that the local entities conduct their own audits.

Senate Bill 358, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1088.

Sincerely,

Governor